

City of Woodburn

Recreation and Park Board Minutes

October 12, 2010 • 6:30 p.m.



1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Rosetta Wangerin; Board Chair was absent, Joseph Nicoletti; Board Secretary conducted the meeting.

2. ROLL CALL

Position I Zandi Cox, Member (12/10)	Absent
Position II (Student) vacant	
Position III Joseph Nicoletti, Board Secretary (12/13)	Present
Position IV Rosetta Wangerin, Board Chair (12/13)	Absent
Position V Bruce Thomas, Member (12/13)	Present @ 6:50pm
Position VI Cheryl Shepherd, Member (12/11)	Present
Position VII vacant	

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 13, 2010

No Quorum. The approval of minutes will be held until next meeting.

4. BUSINESS FROM AUDIENCE

None.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Mill Creek Greenway update

The Local Government State Grant was extended until December 31, 2010. Jim has been notified that the wetland permits have been approved. Once the permits are received, work will begin again on the greenway laying the crushed-rock pathway from south of Wilson Street to Deer Run and around the pond and installing the wildlife observation platform. All asphalt pathways and parking areas are complete.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Fiesta Mexicana Chamber Agreement

The city of Woodburn has entered into a 3-year agreement with the Woodburn Chamber of Commerce to assume the role of Fiesta Mexicana Lead Sponsor. The Woodburn Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with community members, originated the Fiesta Mexicana in 1964 as a means of expressing gratitude to migrant farm workers. The Chamber, as a private organization will have the authority to control music content, graphic images, merchandise, and restricting admission. The Chamber is reaching out to the entire Latino community, the Latino Business Alliance and service clubs to organize the 2011 Fiesta. The city will provide banners, signs, decorations and supplies remaining from the 2010 Fiesta, will waive special use park permit fees,

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determine the events opening and closing times and provide logistical and on-call maintenance support during the Fiesta Mexicana's planning phase, event set-up, event operations and site clean-up.

Centennial Park Dedication

The dog park is not open to the public yet because of minor finish work to be completed. The public is invited to attend the official grand opening of the Dog Park and Centennial Park Dedication on Saturday, October 23 at 12:00pm. Since this event is so close to Halloween, Mayor Figley is encouraging dog owners to dress their dogs in costume. This event will include; ribbon cutting, recognition of various groups and contractors, children activities will include an inflatable bounce toy and recreational sponsored games and light refreshments.

7. **DIVISION REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT**

Aquatics – Debbie Wadleigh

Water Polo - The High School Water Polo team and Barracuda Swim Team have been practicing regularly.

Open Swim 1:00 – 3:00pm, Monday through Friday - A great place to come and enjoy a less crowded swimming opportunity since school was in session. She also suggested to parents that on school early release days the Aquatic Center Open Swim was a great place to send their kids.

15th Anniversary Special – October 15 – November 15 there will be a 15% off punch cards and passes.

Halloween – The Aquatic Center will be participating in the Downtown Treat or Treating event starting at the Downtown Plaza on October 29 at 3:00pm.

On Halloween Day, October 31st all Aquatic Center guests coming in costume will get free admission. There will also be other fun activities guests can take advantage of while enjoying their time at the center.

Swimming Lessons – there are more swim lesson sessions in November and December. Parents will also have the opportunity to purchase an 8-punch card so they may swim laps or exercise while their children are in swim lessons. Debbie encouraged parents to ask the front counter staff about the swim lesson bonus where four sessions gets you the fifth session for half price.

Advertising – This fall we have advertised in the Your Hometown Magazine, use coupon and on the Kennedy and North Marion high school's athletic calendars. The magazine has a coupon allowing a patron one free activity.

Recreation – Stu Spence

Youth Sports – Over 300 kids, ages 3 - 12 are playing soccer. All volunteer coaches have been trained and certified through the National Youth Sports Alliance. Pee Wee Basketball for kids 3 – 5, a new program will begin at the end of October.

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Adult Sports – Men's Basketball started last weekend has 28 teams, 300 adults participating. Co-Ed Volleyball, a new program will begin on October 27th.

Youth Advisory Board – summer activities included; volunteering at Salud Medical Center Health Fair, Fiesta Mexicana, Skate Competition, Woodburn Proud City-wide Clean-up Day and participated in the Fiesta Mexicana Parade. New goals include fundraising for their scholarship fund, leadership development and training. In November, the PAL grant is sending 1 adult and 2 youth to New Mexico for leadership training.

Mentoring Program – This program now has 20 mentors and 30 mentees and meets 2 nights a week. Kim Veliz is now the Program Coordinator.

Boys & Girls Club – The Teen Center is seeing about 40 kids a day. Through a 4-way partnership with the City of Woodburn, Woodburn School District, Boys and Girls Club and the Woodburn Foursquare Church has funded the opportunity where 15 school identified needy children are now attending the Washington After School Club for \$1.00, and a no-school day program where 35 kids attended.

Summer Re-cap – Summer Day Camp, Walk and Stroll, Block Party, Dog Days BBQ, G.R.E.A.T. Camp, Pool, Parks and Play, Woodburn Proud BBQ, Fourth of July Celebration and Walt's Run were all successful.

Active Adult – most trips are full with a waiting list. The Island Café had 29 participants, and the Leavenworth, WA trip has sold out of rooms available.

HALLOWEEN – Downtown Treat and Treating on Friday, October 29th starting at 3:00pm at the Downtown Plaza. There will be kids activities with kids treat or treating at participating downtown businesses.

Parks and Facilities – Jim Row, absent
No report

8. FUTURE BOARD BUSINESS

Specific programs at Centennial Park
Mill Creek Greenway maintenance

9. BOARD COMMENTS

Bruce Thomas

- a.) He would like to see more basketball courts in city parks.
- b.) From the brainstorming list from the September park walk-through, he would like to see more specific programming at Centennial Park.
- c.) Asked when the construction barrier and man-hole cover located on the greenway path coming from the Cleveland Street entrance will be fixed and removed.
- d.) Stated how important it is for park maintenance to keep gravel, broken glass and trash from the greenway pathway.
- e.) Asked about the future possibility of a WiFi system at Centennial Park.

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Bruce also commented that he is proud of the phenomenal outcome of Centennial Park with amenities for many recreational purposes. He thanked the department for their hard work acquiring the grant and over-seeing the construction in completing the final phase of Centennial Park.

Cheryl Shepherd - agreed with Bruce about the outcome of Centennial Park, and stated that because she lives close to the park has the opportunity of enjoying it often.

Jospeh Nicoletti asked if an article could be written in th Oregon Recreation & Parks Association magazine showcasing Centennial Park.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was 7:10pm